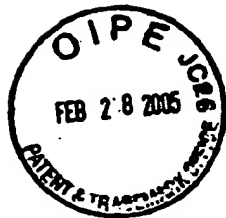


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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated December 29, 2004 and preliminary to the filing of an Appeal Brief, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.